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Saskatchewan farmers have combined 62 per cent of the 2006 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

This increased from 37 per cent last week, and is well ahead of the five-year (2001 -2005) average of 32 per cent combined.

All areas of the province experienced good harvest progress this past week. Harvest is furthest advanced in the southwest where 86 per cent of the crop is combined, and least advanced in the northeast where 45 per cent of the crop has been combined to date.

The fall rye crop is 85 per cent combined and 14 per cent put to alternate uses, such as green feed. The winter wheat crop is 100 per cent harvested. Ninety-five per cent of the 2006 pea crop and 93 per cent of the lentil crop has been combined. Forty-two per cent of the triticale crop has been combined, and 49 per cent has been put to alternate uses. The provincial durum crop is 77 per cent combined. Other crops are less than 75 per cent combined.

With over 90 per cent of the pea and lentil crops combined, crop reporters estimated that 94 per cent of the peas would fall into the top two grades, and 91 per cent of the lentils would fall into the top two grades.

Wind caused the majority of the crop damage this past week, including scattered swaths and shelling of ripe grain. Reporters also expressed concern about bleaching, damage from wheat midge, and field and machinery fires.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance customers who have endorsed winterkill on their fall-seeded crops must have those crops seeded by September 15 to be eligible for coverage.

For forage producers:

- Forage yield-loss claims must be filed by September 30.
- Forage declarations must be submitted by September 30 by mail, phone, fax, in person at your customer service office or online through CropConnect. Remember that you must complete your declaration before Crop Insurance can register your yield-loss claim.
- If you are in a claim position, speak to your adjuster at inspection time about deferring your indemnity. Deferrals must be requested before the cheque is issued.
- Complete program and contact information can be found at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

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Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	98
Spring wheat	59	28
Durum	77	48
Oats	44	23
Barley	65	35
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	91	74
Flax	19	3
Canola	53	27
Mustard	75	58
Sunflowers	4	0
Lentils	95	89
Peas	95	85
Canary seed	26	10
Chickpeas	64	44
Total*	63	37

* Includes 1% Other

1 Year Ago

Eighteen per cent of the 2005 crop had been combined.

Rain, wind, and insects caused the majority of the crop damage.

Quality concerns included staining, bleaching, sprouting, and light bushel weights.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	97
Spring wheat	77	43
Durum	72	35
Oats	68	68
Barley	83	58
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	47	25
Flax	29	5
Canola	75	46
Mustard	92	63
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	94
Peas	98	95
Canary seed	38	14
Chickpeas	79	64
Total	73	47

The south eastern region had a warm week that cooled off with some localized showers. An average of only 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with the average high of 2 mm reported in CD 3ase. Wind damage was reported throughout the region, including moving swaths and shelling out of oat crops. Drought damage was reported in most regions. Spotty damage from hail was reported in the Grenfell and Zehner areas. There was a touch of frost in the Qu'Appelle area on the weekend.

Seventy-three per cent of the 2006 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 17% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvest of fall rye and winter wheat are complete. Ninety-nine per cent of the lentils, 98% of the peas, and 92% of the mustard have been combined. Some farmers in the southeast have completed harvest.

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that over 90% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland were drier this past week. Sixty-three per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as very short, compared with 53% last week. Conditions were also drier on hay and pasture land with 67% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very short, compared to 53% rating last week.

Sawflies caused crop damage in most crop districts in the region. Damage from aphids and flea beetles was also reported. Dry conditions make for a high fire hazard, and field fires have caused some crop loss.

Farmers are waiting for moisture to seed fall crops. Seeding has started in the Indian Head area, though dry soil is challenging.

In the Wawota area, pastures are in very poor condition and some dugouts are going dry. Dugout water levels are also dropping quickly in the Weyburn area. Water is also becoming short in the Lake Alma area.

Farmers are baling straw.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest was warm and dry this past week though some areas saw showers, and nights were cooling off. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 3an, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 4b. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, 3bs, and 4. Hail damage was reported in the Big Beaver area.

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	87	68
Durum	85	61
Oats	84	68
Barley	92	77
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	97	93
Flax	35	4
Canola	94	83
Mustard	98	88
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	95
Peas	99	98
Canary seed	28	16
Chickpeas	62	36
Total	88	71

Eighty-eight per cent of the 2006 south western crop has been harvested and a further 8% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvesting of fall crops is complete. Ninety-nine per cent of the peas and lentils, 98% of the mustard, 97% of the triticale, and 94% of the canola have been combined. Other crops are less than 90% combined. Some farmers in the southwest have completed harvest.

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that over 95% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland continue to dry with 76% of

reporters rating topsoil moisture as very poor, compared with 73% last week. Conditions were similar on hay and pasture land with 78% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as very poor, compared to 73% last week.

Dugouts are under pressure in the Mossbank area. Farmers in the Bengough area are moving cattle because of lack of water and dry pastures. Water is getting short in the Webb area. In the Spring Valley area, some farmers are feeding hay to cattle and dugouts are rapidly drying up. Cattle are also being fed in the Ponteix area. Fall grazing on stubble is helping some livestock owners.

Sawflies were a major source of crop damage this past week, with reports of damage coming from most regions. Grasshoppers caused some damage in CD 4b. Gophers are caused damage in CD 3asw and 3bs. Wild game caused damage in CD 3bn. Fire caused crop loss in CD 3asw. The rain caused some downgrading of crops.

Farmers that have completed harvest are starting fall work, including rock picking. Some fall seeding is being done in the Shaunavon and Burstall areas.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had warm days and cool nights during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 6 mm reported in CD 5b. Damage from wind and drought was reported across the region. Wind damage included scattering of swaths and shelling of crops. Hail damage was reported in the Jedburgh, Preeceville, Jansen, and Leroy areas. Earlier hail in the Goodeve area caused damages of 70 to 80% in some fields. Temperatures in the Ituna area were close to frost.

Forty-nine per cent of the 2006 east central crop has been combined and a further 37% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Harvesting is complete for fall rye, winter wheat, and triticale crops. Ninety-two per cent per cent of the peas and 91% of the lentils have been combined. All other crops are less than 60% combined.

East central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	47	15
Durum	51	15
Oats	31	12
Barley	59	26
Fall rye	100	97
Triticale	100	76
Flax	4	1
Canola	45	20
Mustard	37	18
Sunflowers	22	0
Lentils	91	76
Peas	92	71
Canary seed	11	1
Chickpeas	53	32
Total	49	23

With almost all of the peas and lentils harvested, crop reporters estimated that about 90% will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are drier with 79% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short, compared with 63% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land also deteriorated with 80% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 63% last week.

Insect damage came from bertha armyworms, aphids, and sawflies. Wheat midge damage has downgraded wheat crops across the region. Fires caused crop losses in CD 6a.

Pastures have dried out, and farmers are feeding their stock in the Foam Lake area.

Some winter wheat was being seeded in the Kamsack area. Some farmers were harrowing, spraying for fall weeds, and baling straw.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7

West central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	96
Spring wheat	59	24
Durum	62	28
Oats	31	11
Barley	64	34
Fall rye	97	95
Triticale	60	3
Flax	3	0
Canola	66	35
Mustard	55	18
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	87	76
Peas	92	85
Canary seed	23	10
Chickpeas	50	50
Total	63	31

The west central region was warm with cool nights, and some wind and showers this past week.

An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with the highest average amount being 5 mm reported in CD 6b. Wind damage, including shelling of grain, scattering of swaths, and lodging, was reported across the region. Drought damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Hail damage was reported in the Hanley area, where there was some shelling of canola and oats. There was some frost in the Landis area near the end of the week, as well as in the Hoosier area, but no damage was reported.

Sixty-three per cent of the 2006 west central crop has been harvested and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Ninety-nine per cent of the winter wheat and 97% of the fall rye crop have been combined. Ninety-two per cent of the peas and 87% of the lentils have been combined. Progress on the remaining crops is less than 70%.

Crop reporters estimate that over 95% of the pea crop and about 90% of the lentil crop will fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with 56% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very, compared with 31% last week. Conditions were also drier on hay and pasture land with 73% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as short or very short compared to 31% last week.

Sawflies continue to be a source of crop damage in the west central region. Antelope damaged crops in the Tramping Lake area. Wheat midge damage is showing up in samples.

There were powerline and combine fires in the Perdue area. In the Grandora area, there was about 4 miles of crop burned.

Farmers were chemfallowing, summerfallowing, harrowing, and baling straw.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	93
Spring wheat	44	10
Durum	38	7
Oats	32	14
Barley	57	22
Fall rye	98	96
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	1	0
Canola	39	13
Mustard	48	48
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	86	55
Peas	90	67
Canary seed	23	8
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	45	17

The north eastern region was sunny and warm with some winds and showers this past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, with an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 9ae. Damage from wind and drought were reported in CD 8. Swaths were blown around and wind damage to canola swaths was severe in some fields.

Forty-five per cent of the 2006 north eastern crop has been combined and a further 39% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Winter wheat is 100% combined and fall rye is 98% combined. Ninety per cent of the peas have been taken off, as have 86% of the lentils. All remaining crops are less than 60% combined.

About 90% of the peas and lentils are expected to fall into the top two grades.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got drier this past week, with 68% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 74% last week. Conditions are also drier on hay and pasture land with 50% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 74% last week.

Sawflies caused crop damage in CD 8b. Midge damage was evident in harvested crops, downgrading the wheat. Bertha armyworms decreased canola yields.

Winter wheat was being seeded in the Tisdale area. Some farmers were hauling hay bales, and some second cut haying operations were underway.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region was generally warm and sunny during the past week, with some cool nights, scattered showers, and wind. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Barley was stained from the rain in the Debden area. Drought damage was reported in CD 9b. Frost was reported in the Neilberg, Lloydminster, and Pierceland areas.

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	43	13
Durum	40	15
Oats	27	8
Barley	46	13
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	42	25
Flax	7	0
Canola	44	13
Mustard	0	0
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	65	18
Peas	85	68
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	**46**	**17**

Forty-six per cent of the 2006 north western crop has been combined and a further 37% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. The fall rye and winter wheat crops are off the fields. Eighty-five per cent of the peas and 65% of the lentils have been harvested. Other crops are less than 50% completed.

Over 90% of the peas are expected to fall into the top two grades. Some crop is being put in aeration bins to cool it because it is so hot and dry.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried during the past week, with 52% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared with 75% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 41% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 75% last week.

Geese damaged crops in the Pierceland area. There was some sawfly damage in the Duck Lake area.

Farmers were seeding winter wheat in the Meadow Lake area.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September						
	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2006	2005	Average 2001-05	2006	2005	Average 2001-05
Winter wheat	0	12	12	100	83	70
Spring wheat	29	30	20	59	9	31
Durum	16	33	17	75	16	32
Oats	33	23	21	42	8	20
Barley	25	35	21	64	17	33
Fall rye	0	13	13	85	79	72
Triticale	7	19	14	42	27	40
Flax	23	4	8	19	1	4
Canola	42	63	48	53	11	22
Mustard	19	34	22	74	29	37
Sunflowers	3	0	0	4	0	1
Lentils	5	29	17	93	54	54
Peas	4	27	14	94	58	64
Canary seed	30	8	13	25	1	9
Chickpeas	19	10	9	63	15	18
Total	**26**	**35**	**23**	**62**	**18**	**32**

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 2, 2006

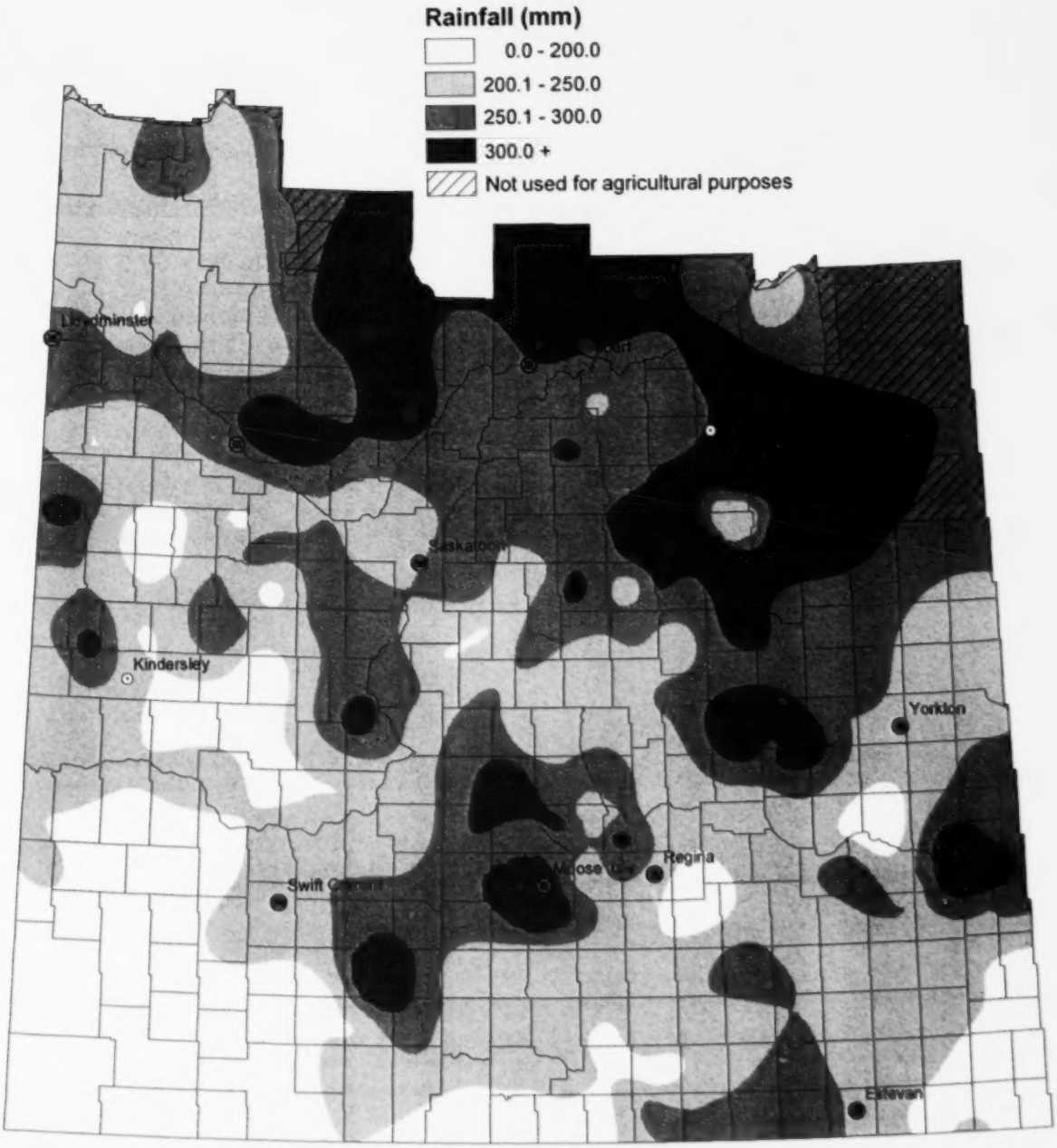
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	NIL	164
	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	205
	3 B	Enniskillen	NIL	179
	32	Reciprocity	NIL	126
	33 A	Moose Creek	NIL	155
	33 B	Moose Creek	NIL	237
	34	Browning	NIL	250
	35	Benson	NIL	212
	63 A	Moose Mountain	NIL	217
	64	Brock	NIL	228
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	229
1B	92	Walpole	NIL	207
	92 B	Walpole	NIL	216
	93	Wawken	NIL	230
	95	Golden West	NIL	240
	121	Moosomin	NIL	251
	122	Martin	NIL	253
	123	Silverwood	NIL	292
	124	Kingsley	NIL	250
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	301
	151 B	Rocanville	TR	411
	153	Willowdale	NIL	240
	154	Elcapo	NIL	248
	155	Wolseley	11	279
2A	36	Cymri	NIL	296
	67	Weyburn	NIL	212
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	218
	69	Norton	4	230*
	96	Fillmore	TR	248
	97	Wellington	NIL	281
	99	Caledonia	8	223
2B	127	Francis	2	238
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	207
	131	Baildon	1	287
	156 A	Indian Head	3	238
	156 B	Indian Head	2	243
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	228
	158	Edenwold	3	203
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	378
	191	Marquis	NIL	279
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	NIL	251
	9	Surprise Valley	3	257
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	252
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	212
	39 A	The Gap	2	179
	39 B	The Gap	7	196
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	5	168
	12	Poplar Valley	2	171
	40	Bengough	10	214
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	196
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	156
	44	Waverley	NIL	252
	70	Key West	10	210
	71 A	Excel	6	209
	71 C	Excel	5	275
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	245
	73 B	Stonehenge	2	249
3AN	101 A	Terrell	2	204
	101 B	Terrell	2	205
	102	Lake Johnston	3	202
	103	Sutton	NIL	236*
	132	Hillsborough	2	277
	193	Eyebrow	2	301
	194	Enfield	NIL	222
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	3	151
	45	Mankota	1	222
	46	Glen Mcpherson	3	171
	75 A	Pinto Creek	1	204
	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	221
	76 A	Auvergne	10	161
	76 B	Auvergne	9	188
	78 A	Grassy Creek	14	157
	78 B	Grassy Creek	2	115
	78 C	Grassy Creek	10	151
	105	Glenbain	9	364
	106	Whiska Creek	7	212
	108	Bone Creek	12	166
3BN	135	Lawtonia	8	292
	136	Coulee	8	249
	138	Webb	21	241
	166	Excelsior	12	242
	167	Sask. Landing	18	227
	225	Canaan	7	202
	226	Victory	5	209
	228 B	Lacadena	3	244
4A	19	Frontier	2	169
	49 A	White Valley	9	136
	49 B	White Valley	11	162
	51	Reno	4	153
	79	Arlington	7	127
	110	Piapot	12	147
	111 A	Maple Creek	20	142
	111 B	Maple Creek	22	147
4B	139	Gull Lake	19	172
	141	Big Stick	14	158
	142	Enterprise	15	202
	231	Happyland	6	208
	232	Deer Forks	5	200
5A	152	Spy Hill	NIL	322
	185	Mcleod	4	213
	186	Abernethy	6	230
	187	North Qu'appelle	2	209
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	285
	213	Saltcoats	1	227
	216	Tullymet	6	306
	217 B	Lipton	0	244
	245 A	Garry	6	255
	245 B	Garry	7	328
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	5	281
	248	Touchwood	4	257
5B	271	Cote	7	228
	273	Sliding Hills	5	204
	275 B	Insinger	8	278
	276	Foam Lake	5	296
	277	Emerald	4	284
	304	Buchanan	7	273
	307	Elfros	5	335
	308	Big Quill	10	209
	335	Hazel Dell	8	296
	336	Sasman	3	273
	337	Lakeview	7	341
	338	Lakeside	7	299
	366 A	Kelvington	3	262
	366 B	Kelvington	2	337
	367	Ponass Lake	6	392
	367 B	Ponass Lake	5	183
6A	189	Lumsden	5	311
	190 B	Dufferin	1	287
	190 C	Dufferin	3	254
	219 B	Longlaketon	4	212
	219 C	Longlaketon	5	215
	220	Mckillop	6	293
	221	Sarnia	4	266
	222	Craik	NIL	311
	251	Big Arm	2	211
	252	Arm River	3	232
	279 B	Mount Hope	8	270
	280	Wreford	1	203
	282	Mccraney	5	253
	309	Prairie Ros	9	280
	312	Morris	7	261
	313	Lost River	1	199
	339 A	Leroy	4	232
	339 B	Leroy	8	288
	340 A	Wolverine	7	312
	341	Viscount	10	233
	343	Blucher	2	266
6B	254	Loreburn	6	240
	283	Rosedale	6	201
	284	Rudy	8	268
	285	Fertile Valley	9	273
	286	Milden	6	243
	314	Dundurn	5	253
	344	Corman Park	NIL	213
	345	Vanscoy	2	250
	346	Perdue	5	265
	376 A	Eagle Creek	3	264
	376 B	Eagle Creek	5	234
	404	Laird	2	264
7A	259	Snipe Lake	1	167
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	152
	292	Milton	NIL	242
	317 B	Marriott	3	240
	317 C	Marriott	3	227
	318 A	Mountain View	2	275
	318 B	Mountain View	TR	252
	321	Prairiedale	6	320
	322	Antelope Park	3	257
7B	347 A	Biggar	8	280
	350 A	Mariposa	1	165
	350 B	Mariposa	1	224
	352	Heart's Hill	6	234
	377	Glenside	2	253
	378 A	Rosemount	5	251
	378 B	Rosemount	6	202
	379	Reford	TR	238
	380	Tramping Lake	TR	165
	381	Grass Lake	1	241
	382	Eye Hill	3	308
	409	Buffalo	2	218
	410	Round Valley	NIL	220
8A	395	Porcupine	7	337
	397	Barrier Valley	4	368
	398	Pleasantdale	4	313
	428	Star City	5	278
	456	Arborfield	4	322
	457 A	Connaught	3	385
	457 B	Connaught	5	272
	458	Willow Creek	6	295
	486	Moose Range	5	245
	487	Nipawin	5	332
8B	369	St. Peter	8	430
	370	Humboldt	3	254
	371	Bayne	6	280
	372	Grant	4	255
	399	Lake Lenore	5	264
	400	Three Lakes	4	248
	402	Fish Creek	7	258
	429 B	Flett's Springs	6	276
	430	Invergordon	3	309
	431	St. Louis	5	361
9AE	488	Torch River	12	304
	520	Paddockwood	6	381
9AW	406	Mayfield	4	248
	435	Redberry	3	271
	436	Douglas	NIL	340
	436 B	Douglas	2	165*
	463	Duck Lake	2	259
	464	Leask	5	333
	466	Meeting Lake	2	283
	467	Round Hill	4	333
	493	Shellbrook	5	250
	494	Canwood	3	324
	496	Spiritwood	1	311
	497	Medstead	NIL	217
	555	Big River	1	323*
9B	438 A	Battle River	3	267
	438 B	Battle River	5	259
	440	Hillsdale	1	198
	468	Meota	2	250
	472	Wilton	3	286
	498 A	Parkdale	4	220
	499	Mervin	1	254
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	211
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	201
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	208
	502	Britannia	NIL	262
	561	Loon Lake	1	199
	588 B	Meadow Lake	3	298
	588 C	Meadow Lake	8	225
	588 D	Meadow Lake	3	248
	622	Beaver River	NIL	218

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2006
To: September 2, 2006



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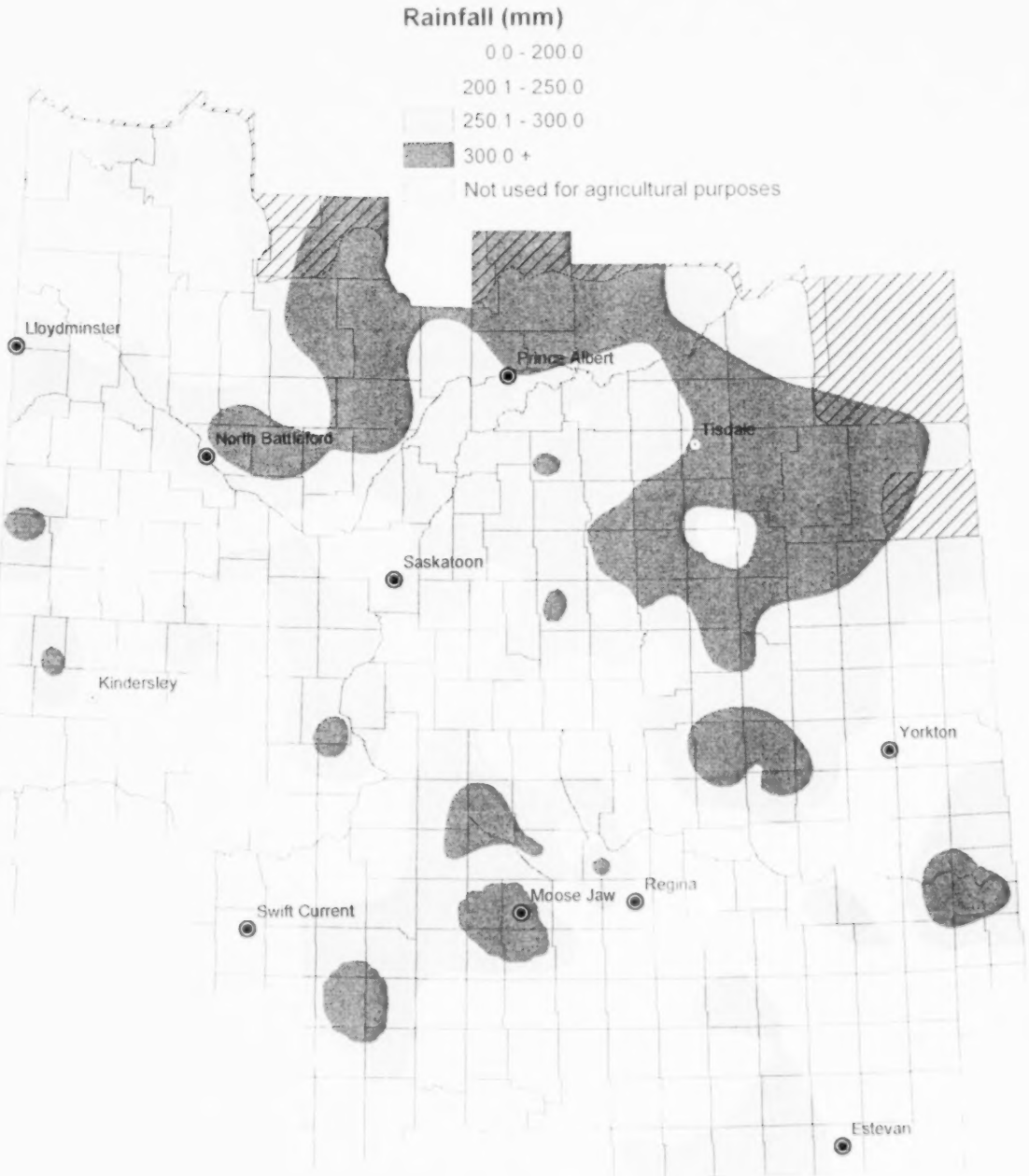

Crop Districts
and
Rural Municipalities